

## Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Interior

## § 926.30

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[60 FR 37002, July 19, 1995]

### § 926.21 Required abandoned mine land plan amendments.

Pursuant to 30 CFR 884.15, Montana is required to submit for OSM's approval the following proposed plan amendment by the date specified.

(a)-(b) [Reserved]

[64 FR 3610, Jan. 22, 1999, as amended at 67 FR 41829, June 20, 2002]

### § 926.25 Approval of Montana abandoned mine land reclamation plan amendments.

(a) Montana certification of completing all known coal-related impacts is accepted, effective July 9, 1990.

(b) The following is a list of the dates amendments were submitted to OSM, the dates when the Director's decision approving all, or portions of these amendments, were published in the FEDERAL REGISTER and the State citations or a brief description of each amendment. The amendments in this table are listed in order of the date of final publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

Original amendment submission date	Date of final publication	Citation/description
April 20, 1983 .....	August 18, 1983 .....	Liens on noncoal projects; noncoal additions to Montana Abandoned Mine Land Inventory; emergency response reclamation program; organizational restructuring.
March 22, 1995 .....	July 19, 1995 .....	Reclamation of interim program and bankrupt surety coal sites; future set-aside program; water supply facilities and water replacement; other policies and procedures.
August 15, 2000 .....	June 20, 2002 .....	Deletion of ARM 26.4.301(1), (37), and (41), 26.4.1231, 26.4.1232, 26.4.1233, 26.4.1234, 26.4.1235, 26.4.1236, 26.4.1237, 26.4.1238, 26.4.1239, 26.4.1240, 26.4.1241, and 26.4.1242; and revision of ARM 26.4.301(1), ARM 26.4.1303, MCA 82-4-239, and the Montana Reclamation Plan 2001 Plan Amendment are approved.

[62 FR 9947, Mar. 5, 1997, as amended at 67 FR 41828, June 20, 2002]

### § 926.30 State-Federal cooperative agreement.

#### COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

The Governor of the State of Montana (Governor) and the Secretary of the Department of the Interior (Secretary) enter into a State-Federal Cooperative Agreement (Agreement) to read as follows:

#### ARTICLE I: AUTHORITY, PURPOSES, AND RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES

##### A. Authority

This Agreement is authorized by section 523(c) of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (SMCRA), 30 U.S.C. 1273(c), which allows a State with a permanent regulatory program approved by the Secretary, under 30 U.S.C. 1253, to elect to enter into an agreement for State control and regulation of surface coal mining and reclamation operations on Federal lands. This Agreement provides for State regulation of coal exploration

operations<sup>1</sup> not subject to 43 CFR Group 3400, and surface coal mining and reclamation operations and activities in Montana on Federal lands consistent with SMCRA, the Federal lands program (30 CFR) Chapter VII, Subchapter D), and the Montana State Program (State Program), including among other things, the Montana Strip and Underground Mine Reclamation Act, Part 2, Chapter 4, Title 82, Montana Code Annotated (State Act or MCA).

##### B. Purposes

The purposes of the Agreement are to (1) foster State-Federal cooperation in the regulation of surface coal mining and reclamation operations on Federal lands and coal exploration operations not subject to 43 CFR Group 3400; (2) minimize intergovernmental overlap and duplication; and (3) provide effective and uniform application of the State Program on all non-Indian lands in Montana.

<sup>1</sup>The term "Exploration Operations" is referred to as "Prospecting" in the Montana State Program.